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WIRES

1. AP (NO BYLINE): "HAK AND PM VORSTER CONCLUDED 2-1/2
HOURS OF TALKS TODAY ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO BLACK
MAJORITIES IN RHODESIA AND SW AFRICA AS BLOODY RIOTING
IN JOHANNESBURG AND CAPE TOWN DREW ATTENTION TO THE
GROWING TURMOIL WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

.....THE SESSION FRIDAY FOCUSED ON THE RHODESIAN ISSUE.

THE LEADER OF RHODESIA'S RULING WHITE MINORITY, IAN SMITH,
ARRIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY HOPEFUL OF A MEETING WITH
HAK.

BUT U.S. SOURCES SAID THE SECRETARY WOULD MEET WITH THE
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RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER ONLY IF SMITH WAS READY TO AGREE
TO A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER...

HAK LEFT VORSTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AFTER THEIR TALKS

TODAY TO MEET WITH U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

LATER IN THE DAY HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH ALL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP BLACK LEADERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN JAILED BY THE WHITE GOVERNMENT. THE MEETINGS, ALSO TO INCLUDE SYMPATHETIC WHITES, WERE VIEWED AS A GESTURE AIMED AT UNDERLINING U.S. OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF RACIAL SEGREGATION.

THREE COLOREDS -- WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED BY WHITES GUARDING BUSINESSES IN THE CAPE TOWN AREA TODAY AND ONE LATER DIED, POLICE SAID.

IN SOWETO, POLICE REPORTED ALL QUIET AFTER FRIDAY'S VIOLENCE. POLICE FIRED ON ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATORS FRIDAY, KILLING SIX STUDENTS AND WOUNDING 35, ACCORDING TO THE RAND DAILY MAIL."

2. REUTERS (LARS-ERIK NELSON): "HAK HAD MORE TALKS TODAY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER, AMERICAN SOURCES SAID.

THE TWO MEN HELD FIVE HOURS OF TALKS YESTERDAY BUT THERE WAS NO DECISION WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD MEET RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH WHO ARRIVES HERE THIS MORNING FOR TALKS WITH MR. VORSTER.

MR.SMITH AND MR. VORSTER ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A RUGBY MATCH THIS AFTERNOON.

THIS AFTERNOON DR. KISSINGER WILL MEET TWO GROUPS OF SOUTH AFRICANS, ONE COMPOSED OF BLACK AND MIXED RACE LEADERS AND THE OTHER OF PROMINENT WHITES AND BLACKS WHO ARE MORE OR LESS OPPOSED TO THE APARTHEID RACE POLICY.

HIGH OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR YESTERDAY THAT HAK WAS DROPPING THE STRICT PRECONDITIONS HE HAD ONCE SET FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING WITH MR. SMITH AND WOULD RELY ON HIS OWN JUDGEMENT ON WHETHER SUCH A MEETING WOULD PRODUCE A MAJOR ADVANCE TOWARDS BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE MEETING BETWEEN MR. VORSTER AND DR. KISSINGER WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO A REPORT BY MR. VORSTER ON TALKS HE HAD EARLIER WITH MR. SMITH.

DR. KISSINGER IS INSISTING HE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH MR. SMITH, EVEN IF THEY DO MEET."

3. UPI (JIM ANDERSON): "SECSTATE HAK, HIS VISIT MARRED BY NEW RACE VIOLENCE, BEGINS A SECOND DAY OF TALKS WITH

PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER TODAY ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE-RULED NIEGBORS.

A U.S. SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED AS 'CONSTRUCTIVE' KISSINGER'S FIRST SESSION WITH VORSTER FRIDAY--FOUR HOURS OF TALKS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S CAPE DUTCH STYLE, WHITEWASHED RESIDENCE, 'LIBERTAS.'

SEC BRIEFED VORSTER ON THE BLACK LEADERS' DEMANDS AND VORSTER REPORTED ON HIS TALKS EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID.

THE OFFICIALS EARLIER TOLD REPORTERS ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE THEY WOULD BE 'ASTONISHED' IF VORSTER WERE TO REPORT THAT SMITH HAD AGREED TO BLACK RULE.

BUT THEY SAID THE ISSUE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN-RULED TERRITORY OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA (NAMIBIA) AND RECOGNITION OF MILITANT BLACK NATIONALISTS THERE WERE 'WITHIN NEGOTIATING RANGE.'

HAK'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA COINCIDED WITH A NEW FLAREUP OF BLACK VIOLENCE AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S OWN RACIAL SEGREGATION POLICIES. AT LEAST EIGHT BLACKS, INCLUDING SIX CHILDREN, WERE SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE DURING RIOTING THAT BEGAN IN PROTEST OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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AFTER TODAY'S SESSION WITH VORSTER, KISSINGER PLANNED MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL BLACK AND WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS AND TRIBAL CHIEFS KNOWN FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE COUNTRY'S APARTHEID SYSTEM.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE MEETINGS, AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WERE NOT DISCOURAGED BY SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES BUT THEY WERE NOT ENCOURAGED EITHER.

ONE QUESTION MARK ON KISSINGER'S AGENDA THIS WEEKEND WAS WHETHER HE WOULD MEET WITH THE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER.

SMITH ANNOUNCED FRIDAY HE WAS FLYING TO PRETORIA TO SEE A RUGBY MATCH, MEET WITH VORSTER, BUT ADDED, 'AFTER THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IT TRANSPIRED THAT DR. KISSINGE WOULD BE IN PRETORIA AT THE SAME TIME.'

A SENIOR OFFICIAL WITH THE KISSINGER PARTY SAID, HOWEVER, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A MAJOR SHIFT IN SMITH'S HARDLINE

STANCE AGAINST BLACK MAJORITY RULE FOR SUCH A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE.

(LATER ADDED): HAK SAID TODAY HE CAME TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TO AVERT A RACE WAR WHICH COULD HAVE 'PROFONDEST IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STABILITY.'

AFTER THE 2-1/2 HOUR TALKS HE ADDRESSED EMBASSY STAFF, SAID SOUTH AFRICA 'HOLDS THE KEY' TO PEACE IN THE REGION, AND ADDED: (4 GRAF QUOTE).

THE KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS WERE HELD AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF VIOLENCE IN WHICH EIGHT BLACKS, INCLUDING SIX SCHOOL-CHILDREN, WERE SHOT DEAD BY POLICE FRIDAY DURING ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS IN A BLACK TOWNSHIP NEAR JOHANNESBURG, ACCORDING TO WITNESSES."

4. AP: ALSO RAN ADD WITH QUOTES FROM EMBASSY REMARKS.

NEWSPAPERS

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1. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN FROM PRETORIA): "KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH VORSTER OPENS ON A HOPEFUL NOTE; TALK IS CALLED 'CONSTRUCTIVE'; SECRETARY FEELS PRETORIA AND BLACKS ARE 'WITHIN NEGOTIATING RANGE' ON S-W AFRICA QUESTION"

"SEC OF STATE KISSINGER AND PM VORSTER OPENED TALKS TONIGHT AMID SIGNS THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD OVERCOMING AT LEAST ONE OF THE KEY OBSTACLES TO A SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"THE FIRST MEETING LASTED FIVE HOURS. AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL CALLED IT A 'CONSTRUCTIVE' SESSION BUT WOULD PROVIDE FEW DETAILS. A SECOND SESSION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW MORNING, AFTER WHICH VORSTER IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE.

"IN THE BLACK TOWNSHIP OF SOWETO, MEANWHILE, THE POLICE SHOT AND KILLED AT LEAST ONE STUDENT AND WOUNDED SEVERAL WHO WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE KISSINGER VISIT.

"ON KISSINGER'S JET TO PRETORIA FROM LUSAKA, REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT HE BELIEVED THAT HIS WEEKS OF MEDIATION HAD BROUGHT BLACK AFRICANS AND SOUTH AFRICA 'WITHIN A NEGOTIATING RANGE' ON MAJOR ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN HOLDING UP INDEPENDENCE FOR S-W AFRICA, ALSO KNOWN AS NAMIBIA.

"... ASIDE FROM THE S-W AFRICAN QUESTION WHERE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MAY BE ACHIEVED BEFORE KISSINGER ENDS HIS DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE NEXT WEEK, THE TWO MEN DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TONIGHT TO THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.

"... REPORTERS ON KISSINGER'S PLANE WERE TOLD THAT HE HAD HOPED TO GET A FULL REPORT ON SMITH'S VIEWS FROM VORSTER. IF THE SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT A MEETING WITH SMITH WILL RESULT IN MAJOR PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT BY WHITE-RULED RHODESIA TO ACCEPT BLACK MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS AND TO ACCEPT NEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BLACK NATIONALISTS KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH HIM, THE REPORTERS WERE TOLD.

"THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT BY KISSINGER HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN UNLIKE HIS MIDDLE EAST MEDIATION BECAUSE THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN SO DISPARATE AND THE BLACK AFRICANS HAVE REFUSED PUBLICLY TO TALK ABOUT ANY COMPROMISES. BUT IN ZAMBIA, KAUNDA MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE STRONGLY FAVORED NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS ON RHODESIA AND SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.,

2. NYTIMES ALSO RAN COMPLETE LIST OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS IN TWO HAK MEETINGS "AS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE KISSINGER PARTY."

3. WASHPOST (MARDER AND DAVID OTTAWAY FROM PRETORIA): "KISSINGER ARRIVES IN S. AFRICA; SEES VORSTER AFTER KAUNDA HINTS A SHIFT"

"SEC OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ARRIVED TODAY IN THIS CITADE OF WHITE RULE IN AFRICA WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ANTICIPATING THAT THERE MAY SOON BE A BREAKTHROUGH OF THE LESSER OF THE TWO BLACK-WHITE RACIAL CRISES THAT CHALLENGE HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, THE STRUGGLE OVER NAMIBIA.

"... ALTHOUGH KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL WAS AT A TIGHTLY PATROLLED MILITARY AIRFIELD, WITHOUT SPECTATORS OR CEREMONY, IT AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED SOUTH AFRICA A NEW MEASURE OF WORLD PRESTIGE.

"... THE RAND DAILY MAIL TODAY LABELED KISSINGER 'THE MOST POWERFUL MAN EVER TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA' BUT STRICT SECURITY MEASURES KEPT SOUTH AFRICANS AWAY FROM HIM AS A MOTORCADE SPED KISSINGER FROM THE WATERKLOOF AIR BASE OUTSIDE PRETORIA TO THE HOTEL BURGERSPARK IN THE CENTER OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL.

"... PRETORIA APPEARED QUIET BUT SPECIAL PARAMILITARY POLICE PATROLLED KISSINGER'S ROUTE INTO THE CITY AND ALL BLACK TOWNSHIPS WERE UNDER CLOSE POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

"BEFORE KISSINGER BEGAN HIS FIRST OF THREE DAYS OF TALKS WITH VORSTER, REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER WERE TOLD THAT THE OPPOSING FORCES IN THE NAMIBIA DISPUTE ARE WITHIN RANGE OF A DIPLOMATIC FORMULA THAT KISSINGER HOPES TO

CONFIRM IN THIS WEEKEND OF MEETINGS HERE.
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"AS KISSINGER LEFT LUSAKA THIS MORNING, KAUNDA ... EXPRESS
A MODIFIED POSITION ON A CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE NAMIBIAN
DISPUTE.

"... IF KAUNDA'S POSITION IS SHARED BY OTHER BLACK
AFRICAN LEADERS, IT INDICATES NEW ROOM FOR A COMPROMISE.
THERE PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THE NAMIBIANS
CONFEREES MAY ALREADY BE PREPARED TO ADVANCE INDEPENDENCE
BY ONE YEAR, TO DECEMBER 1977, AND GO INTO ELECTIONS WITH
SWAPO AS A PARTICIPANT.

"A NEW MEASURE OF ACCORD ON NAMIBIA HERE WOULD PERMIT
KISSINGER TO CLAIM MOMENTUM FOR HIS AFRICAN DIPLOMACY

EVEN WITH NO ADVANCE ON THE MUCH GREATER CRISES OVER
RHODESIA.

"SMITH IS HOPING FOR A MEETING WITH KISSINGER, BUT KISS-
INGER, IN ORDER TO DO SO, MUST OBTAIN ENOUGH EVIDENCE
FROM HIS TALKS WITH VORSTER TO JUSTIFY A FIRST MEETING
WITH SMITH.

"TONIGHT, AFTER FIVE HOURS OF WHAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS
DESCRIBED AS 'CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS' BETWEEN THE AMERICAN
AND SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATIONS, IT WAS SAID THAT NO
DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE ON A MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER
AND SMITH. DURING HALF OF THE FIVE HOURS OF MEETINGS
TODAY, KISSINGER AND VORSTER TALKED ALONE.

"ALTHOUGH THE U.S., ALONG WITH THE UN, CONDEMNS SOUTH
AFRICA'S POLICY OF RACIAL APARTHEID, BY DESIGN OR UNUSUAL
CHANCE KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA CONINCIDED WITH
THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEEMNTS CLEARING THE WAY FOR THE
FIRST OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NINE BLACK RESERVES TO BECOME
AN INDEPENDENT STATE NEXT MONTH. VORSTER AND CHIEF
KAISER MATANZIMA, THE LEADER OF THE TRANSKEI HOMELAND,
SIGNED THE ACCORDS JUST BEFORE KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL.

"... THE SIGNING CEREMONY WAS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY LONG
BEFORE KISSINGER'S TRIP WAS ANNOUNCED, BUT OBSERVERS
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HERE SAW IT AS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE WORLD OF SOUTH
AFRICAN DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH ITS POLICY OF
SEPARATE HOMELANDS....

"IN LUSAKA, KAUNDA WARNED AGAIN OF INCREASED VIOLENCE

SHOULD KISSINGER FAIL IN HIS MISSION. 'WE HAVE MADE OUR POINT VERY CLEAR' TO KISSINGER THAT UNLESS HE CAN PRODUCE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF MAJORITY RULE IN BOTH CRISES ZONES, THE PRESENT GUERRILLA WARS WILL INTENSIFY, WITH THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS SEEKING ARMS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THEY CAN GET IT, KAUNDA SAID.

"'WE WISH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE BEST OF LUCK' AND 'BELIEVE HIS HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE,' SAID KAUNDA, BUT 'IF DR. KISSINGER'S MISSION FAILS, VERY GOOD. WE WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT... SO EITHER WAY WE ARE LOSING NOTHING

COMMENTARY:

HOWARD K. SMITH COMMENTARY, ABC EVENING NEWS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

SMITH: THE ACCEPTED THEORY REGARDING THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET US IS, THEY ARE CAUSED BY LEADERS AND MISMANAGEMENT; PEOPLE ARE INNOCENT FOLLOWERS. IN FACT, MANY AWFUL SOCIAL PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY THE ORNERY STREAK IN PEOPLE WHICH LEADERS HAD BETTER ADHERE TO, OR GET KICKED OUT.

"THE BLOODY WAR IN LEBANON IS A CLASSIC CASE OF PEOPLE LONGING FOR YEARS FOR A SHOW-DOWN, AND REFUSING TO BE DENIED IT BY SOME CONFERENCE AGREEMENT OF LEADERS.

"IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT IS WHAT MR. KISSINGER HAS WALKED INTO IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION MR. VORSTER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME GRADUAL REFORMS AND CONSESSIONS. SOME BLACK LEADERS, KAUNDA AND NYERERE IN THE FORE, WOULD LIKE TO TRY NEGOTIATION. BUT VORSTER AND THOSE BLACK LEADERS KNOW THEY RISK OVERTHROW IF THEY TRY IT.

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"THE SIMPLE PROBABILITY IS, PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES, WAITING TENSELY FOR DECADES, FEEL THE TIME IS HERE FOR A SHOW-DOWN BY FORCE, AND THEY WANT IT MORE THAN THEY ARE WILLING TO ADMIT. AS AN ANALYSIS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES PUT IT TODAY, THERE IS ON BOTH SIDES AN ELEMENT OF PRIDE AND A SENTIMENT FOR WINNING A WAR, AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO LET ANYBODY GET IN THE WAY OF IT.

"I DEARLY HOPE THIS ANALYSIS IS WRONG. BUT EVERY SIGN -- SUCH AS MR. KAUNDA DENYING IN PUBLIC THAT HE INVITED KISSINGER TO ARBITRATE, THOUGH HE DID SO PRIVATELY AND URGENTLY -- SUGGESTS IT IS RIGHT.

"AT LEAST IT ABSOLVES MR. KISSINGER OF INDULGING IN AN

ELECTION MANEUVER. IT IS CLOSE TO A NO-WIN SITUATION OF
THE KIND THAT NEVER WINS VOTES."

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